

Fix these common ailments.

Primer Style Writing:

1. The weather was nice. It was hot and sunny all day long. Toward evening it would cool down. The sun would set then, too. After dusk the bats could be seen overhead.

Passive Voice to Active Voice:

1. On the third strike the ball was dropped by the catcher.
2. These planes are flown by experienced pilots.
3. The game was won when a home run was hit by Bobby.

Insecurity:

1. I think that all eighteen-year olds should totally register to vote because the complete outcome of the election is absolutely in their hands.

Show Don't Tell:

Concrete Nouns	Descriptive Adjectives	Action Verbs
Boy	Happy	Danny moves
(more specific)	(more specific)	(better verb)
(only one)	(more specific)	(even better verb)

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Person	Place	Thing	Idea
writer	athletic field	drink	pain

Using Words Purposely to Create Tone (the writer's attitude):

Brunswick was a lazy town, stretched out on its hills and its flat streets in the summer sun; it was a dreamy place, always green and lush except for the four cold months at the beginning and end of each year. It was heavy with leafy smells, and in springtime there was a perfume in the air that made you dizzy if you breathed too much of it.

Rewrite the two sentences above, creating a tone of anger or negativism.